

REMARKS

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/013665 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

Claims 1-24 have been amended to recite a "method of manufacture" to better conform with U.S. practice. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, line 3 - page 7, line 14; and page 7, line 30 - page 13, line 24; in Examples 1 and 2; and in original claims 1-24, respectively. See, *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l).

Claims 3-5, 13, 16-18, 21, and 28-29 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to better conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

Claim 4 has also been amended to correct obvious typographical errors. These amendments do not change the scope of the claim in any way.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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